

GRAVE CRISIS ARISES IN MEXICAN SITUATION

"GET-TOGETHER" MEETING AND LUNCHEON TO-NIGHT

Chamber of Commerce Boosters are to Feast and Plan for the Building of a Greater City. The Slogan will be "Ten Thousand Inhabitants for Clovis by 1920." Good Speakers on the Program.

A rousing meeting of the Clovis Chamber of Commerce was held Friday night and plans made for a spread to be held at the Harvey House tonight when the "live ones" will listen to good speakers who will talk on the subjects calculated to inspire others with the boosting spirit. While the attendance was not large at the meeting, what it lacks in that score, it more than made up in enthusiasm. It was decided to have buttons for every man, woman and child in Clovis which will bear the inscription "10,000 inhabitants for Clovis in 1920." The buttons have been ordered and are expected here not later than May 25. The membership committee reported that about 100 new members had enrolled and that they expected to double this by the next meeting. The committee on entertainment for the Bankers Convention which meets here on June 6 and 7 reported that everything was progressing satisfactorily and asked that a committee on music be appointed. Those appointed on this committee were E. E. Tagerder, A. W. Johnson, Musin Croft and Horace L. Elder. Those appointed on

the advertising committee were Frank Burns, L. R. Conarty, A. E. Curren and Jack Hull. A committee on decorations was also appointed consisting of W. I. Luikart, Bert Curless, Leland Chapman, Jack Hull and C. D. Irvine. Frank Burns resigned as Secretary which was accepted and a vote of thanks extended to the retiring officers C. E. Dennis and Frank Burns.

CURLISS IS SECRETARY

Bert Curless, who was elected secretary by acclamation, is one of the greatest boosters that Clovis ever had. He has been on the job continuously for seven or eight years and has never been too busy with personal affairs to attend a meeting. He is the man who made them all sit up and take notice of Clovis and Curry county at the big Wichita Kansas fair and he has always been considered the right hand bower of the chairman when he wanted someone that he could depend upon to do something. A better selection could not have been made. It was decided to hold the banquet on the 12th at which time the following program will be rendered:

7:30 Band Plays Assembly. Song all together: "I'm So Dry"
7:45 to 8:15 Luncheon..... Band Music
8:15 to 8:45 Impromptu Talks (5 minutes) on Bankers Convention led by G. W. Harrison of Farwell Texas
Band Music
8:45 to 9:00 Address—Civic Improvement..... A. L. Dillon
Song "Ireland"—Miss Welch
9:00 to 9:30 Address "We are Up on Top of the World"..... Judge Hamlin
Song "Sing On"—Miss Lorena Connolley
9:30 to 9:45 Address "Eastern New Mexico as Stock Farming Country"..... Alex Shipley
Music
9:45 to 10:00 Address "Our Growth"..... Cash Ramey
10:00 to 10:15 Address "Our Future" Judge G. A. Richardson
10:15 to 10:30 Address "Co-operation"..... Hon. Sam Bratton
Closing Song all together "Good Night Ladies"

Central Market Sold

W. W. Harvey, a former member of the of Harvey and Morris, closed a deal Monday before his departure for Missouri, for the Central Meat Market, which he purchased from Houck, Keown and Wood. Mr. Harvey will assume control after the 15th and will take personal management on or about the first of the month. His two sons will assist him in conducting the business.

Sunday Fishing Party

A party of young folks consisting of Misses Veta Bills, Addie Chenworth, May Bouton and Miss Bosh and Mesdames Mears, Stonehill and Nelson and Messrs Nelson, Stonehill, Hull and Petree went to Hereford fishing Sunday. They all caught 84 fish.

Hogs Top Market

The two car loads of hogs which Doughton and Nichols sent to market the first of the week brought \$9.75 or the top price of the market. They were first class animals and averaged 209 pounds each. They will make another shipment within a few days.

The city council has ordered quite a little more sidewalk on the east side. There will be more concrete sidewalk laid this year than in all years previous.

The girls of Miss Jones' S. S. class will give a pie supper Friday night in the basement at the Baptist church, while the girls of Mrs. Harris' class will sell ice cream and cake in connection with the pie supper.

MILITIAMEN OF THREE STATES ORDERED TO THE BORDER

Company "K" of Clovis Received Orders Tuesday to Mobilize, and Left Thursday Evening. President Wilson Issues Orders to Texas, New Mexico and Arizona Guards. Border Situation Alarming.

Wilson has issued orders to the Adjutant Generals of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona to call out the militia of these states for border duty. In the event of hostilities it may be necessary for these soldiers to cross the border, but before they could be compelled to do so, they would have to re-enlist in volunteer companies. Battery "A" of Roswell with its full quota of 200 men has also been ordered out and is now en route to the border. The New Mexico militia will assemble at Columbus on the border, the little town that was sacked by the Villa Bandits. Besides the militiamen, five thousand regulars and several companies of coast artillery are being sent to the border, making an expedition of some ten or twelve thousand men in all. This will give Funston a force of 50,000 men for service along the border and in Mexico.

Situation Looks Alarming

General Obregon, the Mexican war minister, has demanded the immediate withdrawal of the American troops in Mexico or fight the de facto government. Carranza has been reported as saying that if the Americans do not leave or set a date of leaving soon, that he will drive them out, but in the meantime the Americans are making preparations for the worst and are not uneasy about being driven out. In fact if there is any driving to be done, it is more than likely that it will be the Mexicans that will be driven. The Americans have refused to leave until conditions have improved.

Patriotic Demonstration

The Clovis Company "K" entertained yesterday evening for the front and their departure was the occasion for a patriotic demonstration. The bands played and the friends and relatives of the brave soldier boys gathered at the train to bid them farewell. These boys of ours have responded to their country's call and are ready and willing to endure hardship without a murmur. Business men left their places of business to show their appreciation with a parting farewell. Soldier life in time of war is no fun, it is no child's play, it is a serious proposition, but someone must do it. The honor of your country, home and fireside demands it. Some of these boys may not return alive. This fact appealed to many of those who had assembled. The shallow minded of course took it as a joke. In honoring these boys, you honor yourselves.

Including the new recruits, some of whom enlisted at the last moment, the membership of the company numbered thirty-two. They marched from the armory to the intersection of Main Street and Grand Avenue where they were joined by Johnson's band and all marched to the depot.

It is estimated that two thousand people assembled at the station. Practically every business house in town was closed in order that the employees might show their respects to "OUR BOYS." Judge Richardson made a few touching farewell remarks.

At three thirty the train bearing the Carlsbad, Artesia and Portales militiamen and battery "A" of Roswell arrived together with the equipment. The girls band was there and the two Clovis bands struck up lively tunes. It was patriotic. Thousands cheered. It was the first time anything of the kind had ever occurred in Clovis. The Clovis company was photographed at the station platform and at five o'clock the train departed for Belen where it will meet the Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Vegas and Raton guards when all will proceed to Columbus for service. 1st Lieutenant Hobart Miller remained behind for the purpose of securing and training recruits.

Another Raid

El Paso, Texas, May 7. —Three American soldiers and a 10-year-old boy have lost their lives and two American citizens have been kidnapped and carried south of the international boundary to almost certain death, in another raid of Mexican bandits that takes rank with Pancho Villa's famous attack on Columbus, N. M. Whether the marauders were Villistas or Carranzistas is not known.

The bandits foray, carrying them through the southern limits of Brewster county, in the Big Bend district of Texas, and taking in three little settlements near the border—Glen Springs, Boquillas and Deemers—took place on Friday night and Saturday morning, but news of it did not reach here until today.

REINFORCEMENTS SENT

Within an hour preparations had begun for adequate military action. Major General Frederick Funston ordered that in all four troops of cavalry should proceed to the raided section to reinforce small detachments already on the scene, from Presidio, Alpine and other convenient points.

These troops got under way tonight. It is said here that if the exigencies of the case demands such action they will cross the border in order to run down and disperse the bandits. According to Major Meyer, the bandits, about seventy-five in number, crossed the Rio Grande from the Mexican side late Friday afternoon at a point a few miles south of Terlingua, Texas, where there is a guard of about thirty men.

From there they proceeded eastward through the desolate reaches of the Big Bend country over an old wagon road toward Glen Springs, a small ranch (Continued on last page)

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES TO BE FRIDAY, MAY 19

Baccalaureate Sermon at Christian Church Sunday Morning, May 14. Class Day Program Thursday Night at the Same Place. Grades Musical Program Wednesday Evening at Lyceum. Large Graduating Class.

Twenty two graduates, by far the largest class ever turned out by the Clovis High Schools, will receive their diplomas this year. The Commencement exercises will be held at the Christian Church Friday evening May 19. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. C. W. Lambert next Sunday morning at the Christian church. The class day program will be held Thursday night May 18 at the same church while the grades musical program will be held Wednesday night at the Lyceum. An admission of fifteen cents will be charged for this entertainment in order to defray the expenses of the building, etc. The Commencement address will be delivered by Supt. Alvan N. White of Santa Fe.

BANQUET

Thursday evening after class day exercises, the graduates and friends will repair to the Antlers dining room, where they will be banqueted. The baccalaureate music Sunday morning at the church will be under the direction of Mrs. C. F. Downing.

GRADUATES

Laura E. Birdwell
Frank B. Carroon
Jessie Douglass
Henry Eshleman
Alberta B. Flinn
Lettie L. Graham
Della Hanson
George D. Houchen
Fannie D. Howell
Anna M. Kiely
Bessie L. Mathers
R. Jewel Moore
Elizabeth O'Hara
Florence C. Painter
Perkins L. Patton
Juanita F. Ragsdale
Burt A. Rogers
Madge Tate
Dollie Wagner
Riley A. Wallace
Celia M. Woodward

CLASS NIGHT EXERCISES

Chorus
Class History—Dollie Wagner
Duet—Bessie Mathers and Madge Tate
Class Poem—Madge Tate
Class Will—Florence Painter
Quartette
Reading—Juanita Ragsdale
Vocal Solo—Elizabeth O'Hara
Oration—Henry Eshleman
Duet—Fannie Howell and Della Hanson
Reading—Burton Rogers
Class Prophecy—Lettie Graham
Quartette
Presentation of Cap and Gown—Jewel Moore
Senior Class Album
Chorus.

Notice

The Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company's telephone directory will go to press about May 15th. Anybody wanting new phones or changes will kindly call before this date.

F. W. Meyers,
Exchange Manager.

Mandell Will Enlarge

A thirty foot brick extension will be built to the Havener building on South Main Street, which is occupied by Mandells Dry Goods and Clothing Store. The brick has been ordered and he contract awarded to R. L. Pryor. In addition to the extension, a new front will be installed in the dry goods department on the north side. It will be what is termed as a promenade front with doors inset twelve feet from the front line of the building. The only other fronts like it in the state are Kittle and Collier and M. Mandell's at Albuquerque. This enlargement will give Mr. Mandell a floor space of 50x110 feet. It will enable him to display his goods to an advantage and will be one of the most attractive stores in the country.

"Tom" Cooper Killed

J. T. (Tom) Cooper, employed by the Santa Fe as switchman, was accidentally killed in the Belen yards Tuesday morning. So far as can be learned, there were no eye witnesses and the manner in which Mr. Cooper met his death will probably never be known. His watch stopped at 10:48, indicating that the accident occurred at that time. His body was found shortly after 11:00 o'clock, badly mangled. Mr. Cooper had been employed by the Santa Fe for about three years, mostly in the capacity of brakeman. He formerly resided in Clovis, but was transferred to Belen last fall, out of which point he worked as brakeman until about two months ago, when he accepted service in the yard. His parents live in Carlsbad. He was married and his wife lives in El Paso.

To Voters of Curry County

My attention has been called to a circular letter headed: "Office of W. C. Zerwer, Candidate for County Clerk" and signed by "W. C. Zerwer" and in the Circular the above mentioned candidate for County Clerk states that his "predecessor used embossed letter heads and envelopes that cost the County \$25.00 per thousand."

I want to say to the voters of Curry County that this is not a statement of facts. The records will disclose that the highest prices ever paid for the best grades of stationery for special use did not cost one third of that amount and that the above mentioned candidate for County Clerk helped select the stationery and signed his own name on the order as Deputy Clerk. Some other statements in the circular are in proportion as to facts.

A. L. Awalt.